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Proposed Bill 427 Public Hearing 2/17/2015

TO:

MEMBERS OF THE LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE

DATE:

**FEBRUARY 17, 2015** 

RE:

PROPOSED BILL 427: AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION AWARDS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES

I am writing this letter in regard to our support of Senator Looney's Proposed Bill 427.

Our Committee has reviewed Proposed Bill 427 and supports the Statement of Purpose of the Bill. We believe that the Bill is warranted given that injured workers are fighting for these benefits and compensability and the majority of them need to hire attorneys to help them do this through the Commission. The insurance companies presently do nothing and wait for the injured worker to fight for reasonable and necessary medical treatment and compensability.

In regard to the specific language of the Bill as it presently stands, our Committee believes the language needs to be reworked and we would lend our assistance in reworking the language. The purpose of the Bill is sound and necessary.

Wherefore, the Workers' Compensation Section of The Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association (CTLA) and the injured workers that we represent support Senator Looney's Proposed Bill 427.

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

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